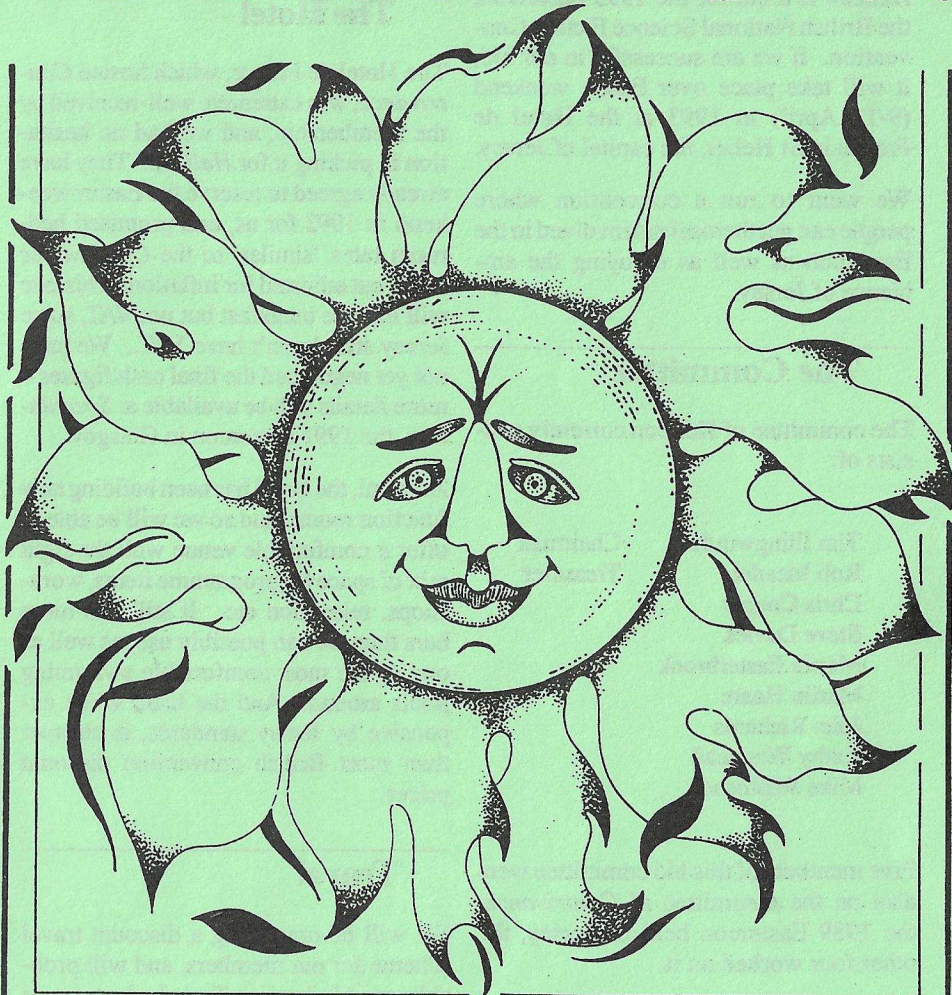


HELICON



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Progress Report 0.1

Helicon '93

Helicon is a bid for the 1993 Eastercon, the British National Science Fiction Convention. If we are successful in our bid, it will take place over Easter weekend (9-12 April) in 1993 at the Hotel de France in St Helier, the capital of Jersey.

We want to run a convention where people can get themselves involved in the Eastercon as well as enjoying the ambience of Jersey.

The Committee

The committee of *Helicon* currently consists of:

Tim Illingworth	Chairman
Rob Meades	Treasurer
Chris Cooper	
Steve Davies	
Martin Easterbrook	
Martin Hoare	
John Richards	
Kathy Westhead	
Mike Westhead	

Five members of this bid committee were also on the committee of *Contrivance*; the 1989 Eastercon held on Jersey, the other four worked on it.

The committee address is the usual: 63 Drake Road, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 1LQ, United Kingdom.

The Hotel

The Hotel de France, which hosted *Contrivance*, was extremely well-received by the membership, and we had no hesitation in picking it for *Helicon*. They have already agreed to reserve the Easter weekend in 1993 for us, and promised bedroom rates 'similar' to the *Contrivance* rates, but adjusted for inflation. This rate will include breakfast but not VAT, since Jersey still doesn't have VAT.. We have not yet negotiated the final cash figures – more details will be available at *Speculation*, the 1991 Eastercon in Glasgow.

As usual, the Hotel has been building new function rooms, and so we will be able to offer a comfortable venue with the right mix of space for programme items, workshops, relaxation etc. It still has more bars than we can possibly use, as well as one of the most comfortable swimming pools around. And the beer, while expensive by Jersey standards, is cheaper than most British convention discount prices.

Travel

We will be organising a discount travel scheme for our members, and will probably use Modernline Travel who gave us such good service in 1989. Now that we know that many people will fly to the convention, we hope to get better discounts on flights than at *Contrivance*.

Membership Rate

Pre-supporting membership of *Helicon* is just £1. This will, of course, get you a discount of at least £1 off conversion if we win the bid.

Programme

We will run two main programme events at most times, split between the three main halls, as well as a number of smaller events. We currently intend that the programme will have a large element of serious science fiction whilst also being both enjoyable and thought-provoking. Building the programme round a number of 'themes' has worked well at recent Eastercons and *Helicon* intends to carry it on.

We intend using the cinema for major films on 35 mm format, with 16 mm films shown as part of the main programme. We also want to run as many streams of smaller programme and workshops as we feel we can in the space available – this is where most people can get involved as participants as well as audience. We should like to take the 'discussion circles' idea that *Eastcon*, the 1990 Eastercon, was trying to set up, and see what can be done.

One highlight that we have always planned for this particular site is the awards banquet. The banquet at *Contrivance* was a major success, and so we are planning to try again with a slightly larger budget and a wider brief for the chef. Don't miss it, especially if you're vegetarian.

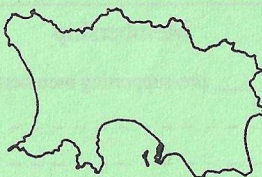
And of course, how could we run an Eastercon at the Hotel de France without the Sunday night disco in Madison's nightclub?

Guests

It is our intention to invite both American and European Professional Guests of Honour. We want to honour both a major figure in the field and someone who, we feel, deserves a wider exposure in fandom. We have not yet approached any guests, and we would be interested to receive suggestions from our members.

Appeal

Not the usual sort for money; what we would like is copies of people's photographs of *Contrivance* that we could use for ~~blackmail purposes~~ in our publicity. The con committee were too busy then to take any (and besides, we were never ever going to do anything ever again at all)



Pre-supporting Members as at 13 August 1990

Gill Alderman	Steve Davies	Adrian Last (1)	John Richards
John Alderman	Robert Day	Adrian Last (2)	Roger Robinson
Philip Allcock	Simon de Wolfe	Adrian Last (31)	Steve Rothman
Fiona Anderson	Iain Dickson	Alice Lawson	David Row
Neil Andrews	Dermot Dobson	Steve Lawson	Marcus L Rowland
Amanda Baker	Vince Docherty	Steve Linton	M Sachs
Henry Balen	Paul Dormer	Bill Longley	Alison Scott
John Bark	Dominic Earl	Alan Lord	Mike Scott
Toby Batch	Martin Easterbrook	Jan Lord	D M Sherwood
Chris Bell	Cathryn Easthope	Gary A Loveridge	Jean Sheward
Peter Bibby	Sue Edwards	Brian MacDonald	Joyce E Slater
Neil Blaber	Dave Ellis	Hugh Mascetti	Kenneth F Slater
Lissa Blackburn	Udo Emmerich	Paul Maskens	Anna Smith
Alan Blackley	John English	Krsto Mazuranic	Lisa Smith
Hans-Ulrich Boettcher	John Fairry	Helen McCarthy	Chris Southern
Frances Bonner	Mike Figg	Peter McGarvey	Jenny Southern
Susan Booth	David Allen Finch	Joe McNally	Maki Spanoudis
Kjell Borgstrom	Colin Fine	Rob Meades	Sylvia Starshine
Alan Braggins	Philip Fine	Mark Meenan	James Steel
Jon Brewis	Birgit Fischer	Neale Mittenshaw-Hodge	John Stewart
Ben Brown	Brian Flatt	Debbie Moir	Lars Strandberg
Denzil J Brown	Dave French	Andy Morris	Marcus Streets
Pat Brown	Shirley French	Caroline Mullan	Neil Summerfield
Saul A Bura	Gwen Funnell	Cherry Newton	Chris Suscлович
Mary J Burns	Neil Gaiman	Henry Newton	Alyson Taylor
Steve BurrIDGE	Peter Garratt	Andrew Norcross	Graham Taylor
Stephen Cain	Joe Gibbons	Gytha North	Iain C Thomas
Kim Campbell	Steve Glover	Chris O'Shea II	Margaret Tout
Mary Carmichael	Tim Goodier	Krystyna Oborn	Ivan Towlson
Mike Cheater	Margaret Gordon	Dave Packwood	John Trasler
Dave Clements	J A Graham	Anne Page	P Treadaway
David Cochrane	Oliver Grüter	Joan Paterson	Mark Tucker
Malcolm Cohen	Urban Gunnarson	Bernie Peek	Larry van der Putte
Brigid Cooling	John Harold	Roger Perkins	Hans van der Zee
Barbara Cooper	Martin Hoare	Nick Petty	Kees van Toorn
Chris Cooper	Derek Holt	Arline Peyton	Bert Visser
Keith Cosslett	Valerie Housden	Rog Peyton	Joyce Visser
Erik Coune	Terry Hunt	Annabel Pickering	Peter Wareham
George Coune	Tony Ibbs	Fran Pickering	Kathy Westhead
Jonathan Cowie	Tim Illingworth	Phil Plumbly	Mike Westhead
Dave Cox	Rhodri James	Mark Plummer	Mike Whitaker
John Crudgington	Wilf James	Terry Pratchett	Margaret White
Arthur Cruttenden	Karen Kelsall	Ann Pringle	Kim Whysall
Rafe Culpin	Eileen Kenny	David Pringle	Bridget Wilkinson
Patrick Curzon	Rory Kenny	James Pringle	Paul Winship
Patrick Curzon's friend	Alice Kohler	Terry Pyle	Mark Young
John Dallman	Dave Lally	Richard the Rampant	
Mike Damesick	Nick Larter	Thomas Recktenwald	

Membership

I want to join Helicon.

... so here's £_____ for _____ pre-supporting memberships at £1 each.

Name: _____

Address: _____

